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SUBJECT: ANGOLA: AFRICAN APPEAL FOR SUPPORT FROM US

1. SUMMARY: AS CATALYST FOR SCENARIO WHEREIN KEY AFRICAN
NATIONS WOULD SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO WASHINGTON TO ARGUE
FOR US SUPPORT FOR FNLA/UNITA AND FOR THOSE AFGCAN STATES
WHO SEEK A COALITION GOVERNMENT IN ANGOLA-MOBUTU IS

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SENDING HE PERSONAL EMISSARY TO LUSAKA, ABIDJAN AND DAKAR.

5#3 3.8 -46, NGUZA KARL-I-BOND, HAS JUST RETURNED FROM LUSAKA WHERE KAUNDA ASSURED HIM THAT ZAMBIA WAS PREPARED TO SEND FOREIGN MINISTER BANDA TO THE US TO ADD WEIGHT TO ZAIRE'S APPEAL FOR HELP. NGUZA PREDICTS THAT HOUPHOUET-BOIGN AND SENGHOR WILL ALSO WANT TO SEND HIGH-LEVEL REPRESENTATIVES TO JOIN IN THE APPEAL TO THE US ADMINISTRATION AND CONGRESS. END SUMMARY.

2. NGUZA KARL-I-BOND, FORMER FOREIGN MINISTER AND NOW PERMANENT SECRETARY OF THE MPR'S POLITICAL BUREAU AND NUMBER THREE MAN IN THE GOZ, CALLED ON ME JAN 25 TO BRIEF ME AND DCM ON HIS MEETING WITH KAUNDA. MOBUTU HAD SENT NGUZA TO ENCOURAGE THE ZAMBIAN LEADER TO JOIN IN AN APPEAL TO THE US ADMINISTRATION AND CONGRESS FOR HELP IN THE QUICKLY DETERIORATING ANGOLAN CRISIS. ACCORDING TO NGUZA, KAUNDA WAS VERY RESPONSIVE. HE AGREED TO SEND HIS FOREIGN MINISTER, BANDA, TO THE US-BUT THOUGHT THAT IT WOULD BE BEST IF NGUZA ARRIVED IN WASHINGTON FIRST TO EXPLAIN THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE SOVIET/CUBAN THREAT TO THOSE STATES BORDERING ANGOLA. KAUNDA IS REPORTED TO HAVE SAID BANDA WOULD BE INSTRUCTED TO SUPPORT NGUZA'S ANALYSIS OF THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE THREAT--AS EXEMPLIFIED BY THE RECENT ATTACK ON THE ZAIRIAN TOWN OF DILOLO--BUT THAT KAUNDA FIRST WISHED TO INFORM MEMBERS OF HIS GOVERNMENT/PARTY. NGUZA IS CONVINCED THAT THESE CONSULTATIONS ARE ONLY A FORMALITY AND THAT BANDA WILL INDEED JOIN HIM IN WASHINGTON.

EM NGUZA DEPARTS KINSHASA JANUARY 26 ON THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULE:

JANUARY 26

DEPART KINSHASA VIA SPECIAL PLANE--0900

ARRIVE ABIDJAN--1300 (WILL BE RECEIVED BY HOUPHOUET-BOIGNY SHORTLY THEREAFTER)

JANUARY 27

DEPART ABIDJAN VIA SPECIAL PLANE--1030

ARRIVE DAKAR 1300 (WILL BE RECEIVED BY SENGHOR SHORTLY THEREAFTER)

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DEPART DAKAR VIA AIR AFRIQUE 20 AT 0820

ARRIVE PARIS 1735

JANUARY 29

DEPART PARIS VIA AIR FRANCE 077 AT 1300

ARRIVE NEW YORK 1455 (TRANSFER TO WASHINGTON--GOZ UN MISSION HANDLING)

NGUZA WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY HIS WIFE, TWO COUNSELORS (ONE FROM FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND ONE FROM THE POLITICAL BUREAU) AND HIS BODYGUARD.

4. NGUZA WAS CONFIDENT THAT HOUPHOUET-BOIGNY AND SENGHOR WOULD SEE THINGS AS MOBUTU AND KAUNDA DO AND THAT THEY TOO WOULD SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO WASHINGTON-- BUT PROBABLY AFTER NGUZA HAD BEEN THERE A FEW DAYS AND TESTED THE WATER. OUR UNDERSTANDING IS THAT SENEGAL AND IVORY COST WILL BE ASKED TO SUPPORT THE "FRONTLINE" STATES OF ZAIRE AND ZAMBIA, BUT MORE AS A MATTER OF PRINCIPLE SINCE THEY CANNOT CLAIM TO HAVE BEEN ATTACKED OR THAT THEY ARE IMMEDIATELY THREATENED.

5. NGUZA, WE HAVE LEARNED, IS CARRYING LETTERS SIGNED BY MOBUTU TO PRESIDENT FORD AND A NUMBER OF SENATORS AND CONGRESSMEN. WE GUESS THAT THE LETTER TO PRESIDENT FORD IS HEAVILY WEIGHED WE TOWARD THE IMPORTANCE OF PROTECTING ZAIRE'S SECURITY, WHILE THE LETTERS TO THE MEMBERS OF CONGRESS ARE MORE AIMED TOWARD ANGOLA AND ITS IMPACT ON AFRICA AS A WHOLE. SINCE WE WERE NOT CONSULTED IN DETAIL ON THE TACTICS SUCH A DELEGATION MIGHT PURSUE IN WASHINGTON, AND IN VIEW OF THE UNCERTAINTIES POSED BY CONGRESSIONAL AND ADMINISTRATION SCHEDULING PROBLEMS, WE ADVISED NGUZA TO GET IN TOUCH FIRST WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY SCHAUFLE AND DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY MULCAHY. NGUZA SAID THAT MOBUTU WANTED HIM TO SEE PRESIDENT FORD AND SECRETARY KISSINGER. WE SAID WE BELIEVED THE SECRETARY WOULD WANT TO RECEIVE HIM, BUT GAVE NO SUCH ASSURANCES CONCERNING THE PRESIDENT. WE REITERATED THAT HE SHOULD FIRST CONTACT SCHAUFLE OR MULCAHY TO SEE WHAT COULD BE WORKED OUT.

6. NGUZA ASKED FOR GUIDANCE ON PUBLICIZING HIS AND THE OTHER
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REPRESENTATIVES' VISIT. WE TOLD HIM THAT WE THOUGHT IT BEST TO MAKE NO PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT BEFORE HE ARRIVED IN WASHINGTON AND HAD A CHANCE TO TALK WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY SCHAUFLE. WE THOUGHT THAT IF INDEED LUCIAUR-NATION DELEGATION IDEA WORKED OUT THERE MIGHT BE REAL ADVANTAGE IN PUBLICITY. PERHAPS THIS WOULD ALSO BE THE CASE FOR NGUZA' VISIT ALONE, BUT EMPHASIZED THAT IT WOULD BE BEST TO WORK THESE TACTICS OUT WITH DEPARTMENT. WE SAID WE WOULD ASK DEPARTMENT TO CONFIRM THIS GUIDANCE WHEN HE ARRIVES IN DAKAR.

7. ACTION REQUESTED:

A) THE DEPT WILL WISH TO BE IN TOUCH WITH BOTH THE GOZ UN MISSION AND THE ZAIRIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON TO LEARN OF LAST-MINUTE SCHEDULE CHANGES. WE WOULD HOPE THAT NGUZA

WILL BE GIVEN VIP TREATMENT FROM THE TIME HE TOUCHES DOWN
IN NEW YORK.

B) REQUEST ANY FURTHER GUIDANCE OR CONFIRMATION OF THE
GUIDANCE WE HAVE ALREADY GIVEN RE PUBLICITY, OR ANY
DETAILS RE SCHEDULING IN WASHINGTON, BE SENT TO NBUZA
THROUGH OUR EMBASSIES IN DAKAR OR PARIS.

C) NGUZA OFFERED TO BRIEF OUR AMBASSADORS IN ABIDJAN AND
DAKAR ON HOW HIS TALKS GO, AND WE PROMISED THAT OUR
EMBASSIES WOULD CONTACT HIM IN THIS REGARD.

D) NGUZA MENTIONED HIS TRIP TO MAURICE TEMPELSMAN WHO
OFFERED TO HELP SET UP APPOINTMENTS WITH MEMBERS OF CONGRESS.
SUGGEST AF CONTACT TEMPELSMAN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

E) ALTHOUGH WE DID NOT ENCOURAGE NGUZA TO BELIEVE HE
WOULD BE RECEIVED BY PRESIDENT FORD, IT IS CLEAR THAT
MOBUTU EXPECTS THIS. NGUZA TOLD US THAT MOBUTU HAD
INSTRUCTED HIM TO STAY IN WASHINGTON "TEN DAYS, TWO WEEKS,
WHTEVER IT TAKES." WE WOULD ANTICIPATE THAT KAUNDA,
HOUPHOUET-BOIGNY AND SENGHOR WOULD ALSO EXPECT THEIR
REPRESENTATIVES TO BE RECEIVED AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL IN
WASHINGTON. GIVEN THE URGENCY AND HIGH PRIORITY WHICH
MBOUTU HAS PERSONALLY ATTRIBUTED TO THIS MISSION, WE
STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT NGUZA--AND THE OTHER IF THEY
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